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Dear Mr Stone,

We are writing to you concerning the 5th International Workshop on the Effects of Mineral Dusts on Cells which is to be held in Paris from 11-13 October 1993.

This series of meetings held every 2 or 4 years has proved an extremely valuable focus for work on the cellular interactions with dusts of various types. While this form of testing conforms with modern social and political pressures to reduce the volume of animal experimentation it is also by far the best way to examine the molecular mechanisms of disease production.

The four previous Workshop Reports published in book form illustrate the way in which this field continues to develop and it is hoped that the 5th meeting will prove as valuable as its predecessors. The programme with lists of invited speakers who will bring the latest results from their laboratories is enclosed but as usual we hope that the programme will be completed with presentations from junior scientists who none the less have valuable data to contribute.

Apart from the costs of organising and running the workshop, the more junior scientists especially can seldom attend unless funds are available to help with their travel expenses. Consequently as meeting organisers we must search for sponsors and we are writing to ask if your organisation might be willing to make a contribution to the costs of this meeting. For the 4th Workshop your Institute was kind enough to consider making a grant towards these costs and we are writing to ask you if you would do so again for the 5th Workshop.

At the present time dusts and particularly fibrous dusts are subject to great scrutiny by legislators in a number of countries with strict control measures proposed often on the basis of very limited data. *In vitro* studies provide one experimental field that can provide the data needed to establish sensible legislation and it is hoped the 5th Workshop in Paris will contain many presentations in this category.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely

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